



and Pandal had been erected and suitably decorated. Here H.H. was received by all H.H's friends, servants and dependents.

Frida~ 19th April 1895

[The following is a translation of a letter in Portuguese language to Mr Ravi Varma sent by the G.d.C. of the Portuguese Governor General Goa:]

The Palace of Cabo

15th April 1894 [sic] [1895]

Dear Sir,

H.E. The Governor General directs me to convey to you his opinion on the Photo in oil that you have executed for him. H.E. finds that the Photo is exceedingly good and that you in executing it did not belittle the good reputation that you have raised for yourself by the salon of Bombay.

H.E. confesses himself enchanted with the work, admiring chiefly the correctness of the design and the exactness of the tone of the touches, exactness and correctness which he thinks unsurpassable. On my own part I have nothing to add to the high appreciation of H.E. I avail myself of the opportunity to request you to be good enough to send a memo of the cost of the Photo for which H.E. the Governor General has already enquired from me more than once.

[Sd.] Capt.

Gomes-de-Costi

G.d.C.

No diary is available between the years 1895 and 1898

1887 [sic] [1898]

[The memoranda for the year 1898 gives all the occurrences which here are mentioned for the year 1897. On account of this and other cross references it is clear that the following entries are of the year 1898]

## 1898

Wednesda~ 25th Ma~ 1898-Vaikas~ 1 )

Left Kilimanur at 4.30 and arrived at Puvampara at about 6 in a heavy shower of rain. With great difficulty got into a boat and started for Trivandrum at about 7.30.

Thursda~ 26th Ma~ 1898-Vaikas~ 1 +

Arrived at Trivandrum at about 7 in the morning-after bath paid my respects to H.H. The First Prince who kindly allowed me to take Venku<sup>78</sup> with me. Wrote two letters to the Dewan on the subject of the grant for next year

